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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference F 04-047-PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	scc Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/JP2004/014213	International filing date (day/month/year) 29. 09. 2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 29. 09. 2003
Applicant Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box No. II)

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

as suggested by the applicant

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention

b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
 - on paper
 - in electronic form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 - contained in the international application as filed
 - filed together with the international application in electronic form
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
2. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
3. Additional comments:

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.C1⁷ C12P7/24, C07C29/141, C07C31/20, C07C45/65, C07C47/22, C07C51/235, C07C59/01, C07C67/39, C07C69/653, C12P7/18, C12P7/40, C12P7/42, C12P7/62, C07B61/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.C1⁷ C12P7/24, C07C29/141, C07C31/20, C07C45/65, C07C47/22, C07C51/235, C07C59/01, C07C67/39, C07C69/653, C12P7/18, C12P7/40, C12P7/42, C12P7/62, C07B61/00

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
CAPLUS/MEDLINE/BIOSIS/WPIDS (STN)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y	Vancauwenberge, J.E. et al., "Bacterial conversion of glycerol to beta-hydroxy propionaldehyde", Appl. Environ. Microbiol., (1990), Vol. 56, No. 2, pages 329 to 332, particularly, Fig. 4	1-3 4-8
X Y	Slininger, P.J. et al., "Optimizing aerobic conversion of glycerol to 3-hydroxypropionaldehyde", Appl. Environ. Microbiol., (1985), Vol. 50, No. 6, pages 1444 to 1450, particularly, Fig. 3, Table 2	1-3 4-8
Y	Slininger, P.J. et al., "Production of 3-Hydroxypropionaldehyde from Glycerol", Appl. Environ. Microbiol., (1983), Vol. 46, No. 1, pages 62 to 67, particularly, Figs. 1, 2	1-8

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

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"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date

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"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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